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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 21 December 1993 and 2 January 1994, there appear to have been 65 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been 10 flights on 18 December 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are given in annex II.

Please note that the total number of flights assessed is now 1,164. It should be noted that in the report dated 22 December 1993 (S/24900/Add.103), the total number of flights as apparent violations should have read 1,089.

* Previous information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina is contained in documents S/24900 and Add.1-103.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(20 December 1993-2 January 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1122	20 Dec	0843	0853	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross 12 kilometres south-east of Vitez heading south. The helicopter landed at a prepared site 22 kilometres south of Vitez. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
1123	20 Dec	1019	1019	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a black helicopter landing 33 kilometres north-east of Banja Luka. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Landing Slow Low
1124	21 Dec	1105	1515	This flight began as an approved Medevac from Pale to Zvornik and return but became a violation because United Nations Military Observers were denied access to the landing site at Zvornik to inspect the flight. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
1125	21 Dec	1156	1200	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white helicopter landing at a sportsfield 5 kilometres south-east of Zenica. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Low Unknown
1126	21 Dec	1602	1603	The United Nations Military Observers team at Zenica observed a helicopter with a red cross flying in the area of Zenica. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
1127	22 Dec	1558	1602	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres north-west of Posusje heading north-east. Radar contact was lost 10 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
1128	22 Dec	1655	1700	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north-east of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a helicopter. The fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter to a point 20 kilometres north-west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-west 120 knots 5,000 feet
1129	22 Dec	2303	2346	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north of Gorni Vakuf heading south. Radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 85 knots 6,000 feet

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1130	23 Dec	0012	0058	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres south of Posusje heading north. The contact continued north and orbited at a position 10 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf. A few minutes later the contact headed south to its original position. The contact then turned north and was lost 5 kilometres north of Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-south-north Slow 4,800 feet
1131	23 Dec	0802	0803	United Nations Military Observers observed a Gazelle flying over Pale heading north. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low
1132	23 Dec	0840	0841	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying over Zenica heading south-west. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low
1133	23 Dec	0945	0946	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying north-east and landing at Zenica. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east-landing Slow Low
1134	23 Dec	1335	1336	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying over Zenica heading south-west. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
1135	23 Dec	1355	1356	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying north-east and landing at Zenica. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east-landing Slow Low
1136	23 Dec	1433	1434	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross, registration number T9-HAG, landing at the Zenica hospital. Seven wounded soldiers were taken off the helicopter and taken to the hospital. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing Slow Low
1137	23 Dec	1440	1441	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross, registration number T9-HAG, taking off from Zenica hospital heading south-west. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
1138 1139 1140 1141	23 Dec	1700	2130	United Nations Military Observers, while manning an observation post, and with the aid of night vision devices, observed four helicopters flying south from Brcko. The unauthorized flights of these helicopters occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east Unknown Unknown

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1142	24 Dec	0908	1000	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a MI-8 helicopter with a red cross taking off from Zenica. United Nations Military Observers also observed the helicopter taking off from Zenica. NATO fighter aircraft tracked the helicopter to Tuzla, where it landed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
1143	24 Dec	0945	0946	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter take off from Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
1144	24 Dec	1040	1106	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a MI-8 helicopter taking off from Tuzla. NATO fighter aircraft tracked the helicopter to Zenica, where it landed. United Nations Military Observers also observed the same helicopter landing at Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
1145	24 Dec	1106	1111	AWACS made radar contact with a track 10 kilometres south of Bijeljina. The track faded and contact was lost at Banja Kovilacja. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South 125 knots Low
1146	24 Dec	1248	1255	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green helicopter flying near Zvornik. Contact was lost temporarily owing to poor visibility. A short time later, NATO fighter aircraft reacquired the helicopter as it was landing at Zvornik. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Low
1147	24 Dec	1420	1421	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter 20 kilometres south of Zvornik. Contact was lost owing to poor visibility. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Low
1148	25 Dec	1011	1012	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying south of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow 500 feet
1149	25 Dec	1130	1131	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross land at Zenica hospital. A short time later, the helicopter departed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Slow Low
1150	25 Dec	1305	1335	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 8 kilometres west of Tuzla. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter to a point 8 kilometres south of Tuzla, where it landed. There were two other helicopters observed on the ground at the same landing zone. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low

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1151	25 Dec	1330	1331	United Nations Military Observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter take off from Zenica. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1152	25 Dec	1350	1413	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white helicopter with a green stripe 27 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. The helicopter landed at Visca Quarry (a heli-pad 15 kilometres south-west of Tuzla). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
1153	25 Dec	1415	1416	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross land at the hospital in Zenica. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1154	25 Dec	1505	1529	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe 30 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until it landed at Zenica. United Nations Military Observers also observed the helicopter land. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Unknown Unknown
1155	26 Dec	0955	1310	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with Serb flag markings taking off from the hospital in Pale. This flight began as approved Medevac No. 380, and became a violation when United Nations Military Observers were denied access to the landing site in Zvornik for inspection. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low
1156	26 Dec	1023	1024	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a MI-8 helicopter flying 5 kilometres west of Banja Koviljaca (35 kilometres east of Tuzla) heading south. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low
1157	28 Dec	0924	0934	AWACS made radar contact 50 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a green Gazelle. Contact was lost 45 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-west 100 knots 500 feet
1158	28 Dec	1225	1240	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres north-west of Mostar. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate but were unable to make visual contact. Radar contact was lost 5 kilometres south of Mostar. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east 135 knots 2,500 feet
1159	28 Dec	1320	1331	AWACS made radar contact 40 kilometres north-west of Mostar. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate but were unable to make visual contact. Radar contact was lost 55 kilometres north of Mostar. This unauthorized flight occurred on the border between an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 130 knots 5,200 feet

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1160	28 Dec	1449	1505	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a MI-8 helicopter landing at Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 101 knots 2,900 feet
1161	28 Dec	1450	1500	United Nations Military Observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross taking off from Zenica. The same HIP landed at Zenica a short time later. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	Unknown Slow Low
1162	28 Dec	1508	1510	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on a helicopter with a red cross taking off from Posusje. The helicopter headed west exiting the no-fly-zone into Croatia. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	West Unknown Unknown
1163	28 Dec	2036	2105	AWACS made radar contact 35 kilometres north of Posusje. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and made visual contact on a MI-8/HIP landing at Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 140 knots 1,000 feet
1164	29 Dec	0002	0103	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez. Radar contact was lost at Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 112 knots 3,000 feet
1165	29 Dec	0023	0120	AWACS made radar contact 13 kilometres north of Posusje. The contact proceeded north to a point 11 kilometres west of Vitez. The track turned south and radar contact was lost 18 kilometres north of Posusje. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 115 knots 1,500 feet
1166	29 Dec	0223	0334	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north of Posusje. The contact proceeded north and orbited at a point 5 kilometres south-west of Vitez. The contact then turned south and radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 90 knots 4,500 feet
1167	29 Dec	1523	1600	AWACS made radar contact 32 kilometres north of Zvornik. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a helicopter. Visual contact was lost in the vicinity of Pale. United Nations Military Observers personnel observed the same helicopter landing at Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South 80-130 knots Low
1168	29 Dec	2207	2305	AWACS made radar contact north of Posusje. The contact proceeded north and orbited in the vicinity of Vitez. The contact turned south and radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 125 knots 1,000 feet
1169	30 Dec	0001	0047	AWACS made radar contact on a track 20 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf heading north. The track continued north and then turned south when it reached the vicinity of Vitez. The track maintained a southerly direction until contact was lost 5 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 110 knots 8,000 feet

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1170	30 Dec	1120	1121	UNPROFOR personnel (NORBAT) observed a camouflage single-engine fixed-wing aircraft flying near Dubrave airfield (10 kilometres south-east of Tuzla). The aircraft is assessed to be an UTVA-75. The UTVA-75 is a small, single-engine, propeller-driven, fixed-wing trainer aircraft. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow 300 feet
1171	30 Dec	1527	1528	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a dark-coloured helicopter landing at Pale. United Nations Military Observers personnel at Pale also observed the same helicopter flying. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Slow Low
1172	30 Dec	2238	2258	AWACS made radar contact with a track 20 kilometres south of Vitez heading south. Contact was lost at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 83 knots 8,900 feet
1173	31 Dec	0925	1000	United Nations Military Observers at Banja Luka observed a MI-8 helicopter flying between Zaluzani (a heliport 5 kilometres north of Banja Luka) and Mahovljani (the airport 15 kilometres north of Banja Luka). The helicopter proceeded north for a short period of time and then returned, landing at Zaluzani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
1174	31 Dec	1107	1112	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a grey-green MI-8 helicopter taking off from Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft maintained contact until the helicopter landed at Listica (25 kilometres east of Posusje). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 120 knots 2,000 feet
1175	31 Dec	1157	1159	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact on a track heading north-west from Listica. Contact was lost 8 kilometres north-west of Listica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-west 120 knots 2,000 feet
1176	31 Dec	1231	1232	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying in the vicinity of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1177	31 Dec	1244	1248	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter flying north-west from the area of the Tuzla airfield. NATO fighter aircraft tracked the helicopter to Tuzla and then departed owing to operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west 130 knots 2,000 feet
1178	31 Dec	1304	1305	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter landing 7 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing Slow Low

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1179	31 Dec	1413	1414	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying in the vicinity of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1180	31 Dec	1425	1426	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter land at the sports field in Pale. The United Nations Military Observers tried to investigate but were denied access to the landing site. They observed three civilians (1 man, 1 women and 1 child) disembark from the helicopter. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow 500 feet
1181	31 Dec	1528	1529	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a MI-8 helicopter take off from Pale (with the same civilians as in 1180) heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow 500 feet
1182	31 Dec	2045	2119	AWACS made radar contact on a track 10 kilometres west of Jablanica. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a pale-coloured helicopter with dark stripes. NATO fighter aircraft maintained contact with the helicopter to a point 5 kilometres east of Posusje and then departed owing to operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 110 knots Low
				[1 January 1994: no violations reported]	
1183	2 Jan	0800	0809	AWACS made radar contact with a track 8 kilometres north-west of Posusje heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar contact with a helicopter landing 2 kilometres south of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east then south 129 knots Very low
1184	2 Jan	1058	1114	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a MI-8 helicopter 25 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. The helicopter landed 17 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow 300 feet
1185	2 Jan	1155	1210	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf heading west. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a green MI-8 helicopter which departed the no-fly-zone near Klamensko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 100 knots 1,000 feet
1186	2 Jan	1300	1301	UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter landing at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing Unknown Unknown

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18 December 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1112	18 Dec	0450	0451	United Nations Military Observers observed a helicopter taking off from the quarry at Vitez. The helicopter departed from the west. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	West Slow Low
1113 1114 1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121	18 Dec	1656	1847	United Nations Military Observers observed numerous helicopters flying at night 30 kilometres north-east of Tuzla in the area of the Sapna Thumb heading north and south. The helicopters were observed by navigation lights and with the aid of night vision devices. Specific incidents are as follows: 16.56 One helicopter 17.14 Two helicopters 18.10 One helicopter 18.25 Two helicopters 18.42 One helicopter 18.47 Two helicopters The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North and south Slow Low